

# BLDG. PERMITS NEAR \$200,000

## Five Wells to be On Production In Three Weeks

**TORRANCE NO. 4 EXPECTED TO BE BIG WELL; VAN LEW NO. 1 BROUGHT IN ON PUMP**

Five more wells will be put on production in the Torrance field within the next three weeks, it was learned today from a survey of the field. One of these wells, Torrance No. 4, on the Chanslor Canfield Midway lease, now standing cemented at 2949 feet, is expected to set a new production record for the field. It is 300 feet east of Torrance No. 3 which is now making 600 barrels a day, with the gravity of the oil ranging between 27 and 28. The big improvement shown in the wells as they come east is leading the oil men to believe that the settled production of Torrance No. 4 will be 1000 barrels or more.

Two of the other four wells which are expected to be brought in in the near future are Chanslor Canfield Midway wells—Torrance No. 1 and Dominguez No. 1. Torrance No. 1 stands cemented at 3550 feet and Dominguez No. 1 at 4011. If the water shutoffs in these wells are successful, it is believed they will be good producers. The remaining two wells are on Standard Oil leases on the west side of the field. Felkner No. 1 is standing cemented at 3200 feet and Kirke No. 3 at 2935 feet. Kirke No. 1 and No. 2 are now on production near where No. 3 is being drilled.

After attempting production from a deep sand, the General Petroleum's Van Lew No. 1 was brought in on the pump yesterday. The well is producing from the first sand at 2900 feet at the rate of about 250 barrels a day. The gravity of the oil, though it had not been tested up to this morning, is believed will run about 16 or 17. This well was put down to 4610 in an unsuccessful attempt to locate a deeper sand which it was hoped would yield a higher gravity oil than that found at 3600 feet.

Van Lew No. 1 lies about one mile north of Del Amo No. 1, the discovery well of the field, and is believed to be near the north edge of the field. The Fullerton Oil Company's Lens No. 1, lying a few hundred yards due south of the Van Lew well, is coming back up to 2900 feet after an unsuccessful attempt to get a water shutoff at about 3350. An attempt will be made to sidetrack at 2900 feet and try for a water shut off from a new hole. The drillers at the well report that the best oil showing in the well was hit at about 3300 feet and a good producer would have been brought in from this sand if the water had been shut off.

On the east side of the field the wells are making good progress and the Standard Oil drillers expect to bring in Torrance Community No. 3, an offset to the C. C. M. O.'s Torrance No. 4, within a week or ten days after the latter is put on production. The Standard well is down 2300 feet. Farther east on Carson street, the Hub's Smith No. 1 is making good progress and is

now down about 1800 feet, while the Chanslor Canfield Midway's Torrance No. 5, an offset well, is reported to be down 2200 feet. The Gilmore Petroleum Company's No. 1 well in this same group, which was spudded in last week, is making good progress and is down about 1000 feet. Just north of the Gilmore well, the Hub and Chanslor Canfield Midway are rigging up two new wells located last week. These wells are causing considerable activity in the 4070 Tract, where a number of leases are now being negotiated.

Though he offered the highest bonus ever submitted to property owners in the Torrance field, W. M. Keck, last week failed to put through his lease on Block No. 11, which new concerns are now working on.

The Coast Line Oil Company, which has extensive holdings on Signal Hill, Santa Fe Springs and Huntington Beach, is reported to be negotiating with Torrance property owners for leases. The locality in which this company is interested has not yet been made public.

Rotary machinery is to be put into the Orange County Drilling Company's well at Western avenue and 213th street by the first of next week. It was learned this morning. The well will be known as the Peterson-Barker Syndicate No. 1, taking its name from the new concern which has joined forces with the Orange County Drilling Company to drill on the 106-acre lease east of Torrance. This well has already been spudded in with improvised standard tools and is down about 100 feet.

## St. Patrick Dance By American Legion Auxiliary

The St. Patrick's Day dances to be given by the Bert S. Crossland Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary of Torrance, promises to be the headliner in social events held this season. The dance will be given in American Legion Hall, Torrance, on the evening of St. Patrick's Day and everyone is looking forward to that date for an evening of real joy. The music, of course, is of first consideration, and will be fur-

nished by the Western Avenue Country Club Orchestra, the members of which are all professionals of note.

There will be special features, favors, refreshments and everything that usually go to make the dances of the American Legion Auxiliary so popular.

Window cards will appear next week announcing the event, and reminding you to save that date for the dance.

## PERMITS FOR TWO MONTHS SHOW 400 PER CENT INCREASE OVER CORRESPONDING PERIOD FEBRUARY'S TOTAL IS \$123,370

Building permits for the months of January and February total \$192,770 and far exceed both in the aggregate and in the class of buildings erected the expectations of the most sanguine booster in Torrance.

At the end of January the building permits for the 26 working days of that month amounted to \$69,400 and an indication of what was to come was given when the Dolly-Reeves permit for their twin stores on Sartori for \$14,000 was issued.

During the balance of the month there was one permit issued for a \$6000 building; one for an \$8000 structure; two for \$15,000 each; and the Rappaport building that is to cost \$26,700. The balance of the \$123,370, for which permits have been taken out during the 24 working days of February, being expended on residences, bungalows and garages.

During the past week permits for the Rappaport store to cost \$26,700; a building in the rear of 712 Amapola for Rott, Rhodes & Dyer, \$500; Mrs. Matilda Winters in the rear of Lot 10, Block 17, \$200, and a ten-unit bungalow court at

1618 Arlington street being erected by G. L. Mowrey to cost \$15,000, have been issued.

With the stimulus given building activities within the past 30 days by the flood of foreign capital being invested in Torrance and vicinity, the excellent showing made in the oil field, in which there is yet to be drilled a dry well; and the authentic reports of the location of several new factories and the enlargement of the Tool Company's plant and others already located here, it is now predicted that the present ratio of a 400 per cent increase in building over 1922, will be maintained for the ten months still remaining in this year.

## Big Forum Meeting Monday Night, Legion Hall. Oyster Supper Free. Good Speaking. 7:45 o'Clock.

## 1923 FIESTA NOW MAIN EVENT IN HANDS OF LEGION

## C. of C. Decide to Turn Over Coming Fair To Local Post

The 1923 Fiesta, if held this year, will be in the hands of the local Post of the American Legion, according to a decision reached by the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce at their weekly meeting Tuesday afternoon.

Informing the board that numerous inquiries had been received by his office regarding the holding of the annual fiesta, Secretary Gadeky asked that the board take some definite action and after considerable discussion, during which City Clerk Bartlett stated that while there were several outstanding amounts to be collected he was of the opinion there would be no deficit from the 1923 show, it was decided to turn this year's fair over to the Legion.

During the meeting Professor Barnett of the local schools spoke of the progress being made regarding the proposed bids for the new school and stated that the matter was now in the hands of the fire inspectors of Los Angeles, from whom he expected a favorable report soon. As soon as this is received bids for the work will be secured and the contract let.

Regarding the proposed playground for Torrance children the professor suggested that instead of having two such recreational centers the city co-operate with the school authorities and use the large high school playground. This could be accomplished by the city bearing a small portion of the expense of the caretaker.

Diving into comparatively ancient history Director Alfred Gaurdier informed the board that he had personally paid the dues of

## Six Good Matches Give Fans a Thrill All The Way

Switching Mikey Rollinson of Los Angeles to the main event instead of "Young" Datto of San Pedro proved no disappointment to the fans Wednesday night when he faced Ralph Myers for a four-round go. Datto was not permitted to enter the ring because of a bruised hand he was nursing, the result of a little mix-up he encountered at the Hollywood arena last week. The Rollinson-Myers go went so a fast and furious draw, both winning the admiration of the crowd. These two lads will be seen some more.

"Battling" Nino and Jabbie O'Neil, 112 pounds, proved the sensation of the evening. "Jabbie" sure lived up to his name when one jab after another landed on the physog of Nino the "battler," and it was easily O'Neil's fight up to (Continued on Last Page)

## Master Masons Honor School

The Grand Master of Masons of California proclaimed the week of March 19 to 24 as public school week. In accordance with that proclamation Torrance Lodge No. 447 will hold a public education meeting during the week of March 19 (the exact date has not been set). A suitable program will be arranged with good speakers. Everyone interested in the public schools are especially invited to attend this meeting.

## Superior Court Dismisses Carson Street Injunction

**COMPLAINT IMPROPERLY DRAWN, JUDGE RULES—ISSUE OF BONDS FOR ARLINGTON HELD UP**

Several months will elapse before property owners in the street assessment district on Arlington street will be required to pay their assessments, according to a report of City Attorney Briney, who informed the trustees Tuesday that the trial of the case had been set for November next and that bonds could not be issued by the city until the case had been settled.

The report of the city attorney was the principal matter of interest at the city council meeting and the "gallery," composed principally of Carson and Arlington street residents, took part freely in the discussion of the all-absorbing topic at the conclusion of the report.

Mr. Briney stated that owing to the fact that it had been discovered by the court that Mr. Klusman, the plaintiff in the injunction proceedings that came before the superior court a week ago today, owned no property on Carson street, as set forth in the complaint, the Carson street end of the controversy had no standing in court and was therefore dismissed.

Mr. Briney further stated that while the Arlington injunction matter had been set on the calendar for trial in November, it was the desire of all concerned to have the trial at an earlier date and that this might be arranged.

In discussing the position of property owners on Carson street, whose application for an injunction had been dismissed, Mr. Briney stated that if the trustees saw fit to order the Carson street bonds issued, such action would in no way jeopardize the rights of the protestants, as they could begin restraining proceedings against the sale of the bonds as well as against their issue.

On advice of the city attorney the Arlington matter was continued until the first regular meeting in April and in the event the suit has not then been decided by the court it will be continued from time to time until such decision is handed down.

At the suggestion of Trustee Gilbert, who expressed himself as desiring to allow the Carson street residents to have an opportunity to begin proceedings against the issuance of the bonds, the Carson street hearing was continued for one week when, if no action is taken, the order for the issuance of the bonds will probably be made by the trustees.

Trustee Proctor contended that as there had been no legal reason advanced why bonds should not be

issued for Carson street, the trustees should proceed at once to order the bonds issued.

When the subject had been exhausted in a debate that included spectators as well as trustees, the matter was put to a vote. Two of the trustees voted to extend the time of the meeting and two were against such action. Mayor Fitzhugh cast the deciding vote in favor of the continuance of the hearing for one week and the matter will come up again next Tuesday evening for final decision.

Under the head of "new business" residents on Amapola street asked the trustees to take some action as to putting the unimproved streets in the western section of the city in a passable condition, contending that at the present time especially during wet weather, the roads are impassable.

After hearing the opinion of the city engineer, who gave approximate prices for various forms of surfacing these and other streets south of Carson, it was decided to call a "neighborhood" meeting of the residents in the southern and western sections of the city to be held in the city hall next Thursday evening, March 8, when the matter can be discussed by them and the expense of contemplated improvement given by City Engineer Jessup.

Following the granting of a permit to conduct a pool room in the Erwin building on El Prado street to E. R. Kappl, Trustee Nash gave a tentative estimate of the receipts and disbursements of the various city departments for the past seven months on which will be based the expenditures for the coming eleven months. Revision of these estimates occupied the attention of the trustees until midnight, when they adjourned until next Tuesday when a finished budget will be presented and adopted.

## Thousand Dollar Bonus For Acre

After considering offers from seven different companies, Mrs. Phoebe Sykes leased yesterday, her acre of land on South Arlington near the old Redondo Road to the Sonberg Petroleum Company. A thousand-dollar bonus was paid with a guarantee that a derrick would go up within the next 30 days with a stipulation that drilling start within the next 90 days.

Mrs. Sykes has had offers from several different oil companies and when she inquired as to the persistency to lease this particular acre, was informed that they considered her acre the most valuable of any in the district.

Forum, Legion Hall, Monday Eve.

## NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

At the special request of the City Trustee and City Engineer J. J. Jessup, the Herald calls attention to the fact that on Thursday evening, March 8, at 7:30 o'clock, there will be held in the city hall a "neighborhood" meeting of residents of the western and southern portions of the city relative to the improvement of the unimproved streets in these two sections.

The subject of improving the almost impassable streets in the neighborhood of Amapola and 210th and adjoining sections and the repaving of Andree and Cabrillo south of Carson was brought up at the trustees' meeting Tuesday, as reported in another column, and at the suggestion of the trustees the informal meeting for next Thursday was called for the purpose of learning the wishes of the residents of the respective districts.

Hemstitching, dresses and stamp goods, Lomita.

Forum Meeting Monday Night Mar. 5